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LOK SABHA

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HARASSMENT TO WOMEN IN LOCAL TRAINS IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that number of cases of harassment to women in local trains in Mumbai is on the rise;

(b) if so, the details of such cases of harassment come to the notice of the Government during the last two years, till date and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that women commuters in local trains can travel with safety?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Though maintenance of law and order and control of crime on Railway premises (including Railway Stations) and running trains is the responsibility of the State Government concerned, the Railway co-ordinate with the State Governments for ensuring better security to the passengers, especially women. The Railway administration and Police have taken the following steps:

1. Anti-social elements are regularly removed from Railway premises and trains.

2. Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP) is done at all levels.

3. Periodic High Level co-ordination Meetings with GRP and Local Police are conducted to analyze the crime position with a view to taking suitable preventive measures.

4. Steps have been taken to sensitize the RPF personnel to the problems of women passengers by organizing workshops and seminars.

5. Ladies' compartments are escorted in Mumbai suburban areas by GRP and RPF, utilizing the women staff as far as possible.

6. Special squads consisting of lady ticket checking staff and lady RPF personnel have been formed in Central and Western Railways to facilitate the women passengers by detecting and taking action against unauthorized persons in Ladies Compartments.

7. Armed escorting of Ladies Compartments is done in night hours, Holidays and Sundays.

8. Home Guard staffs are deployed on platforms in front of ladies compartments to deter anti-social elements from entering the Ladies Compartments.